

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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PRE-QUALIFICATION PROPOSALS FOR NHDP-V
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether NHAI has received 143 Pre-Qualification (PQs) proposals for just 8 BOT (Toll) projects under NHDP Phase V;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which these bids are likely to be finalized and jobs awarded;
- (d) whether the competition in the Highways Sector has not resulted in lower usage charges;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;
- (f) whether the toll charges in India are the lowest globally as claimed by NHAI; and
- (g) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to pass on the benefits of lower usage charges to the consumers?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNYAPPA)

- (a) to (c) There are 186 proposals for pre-qualification for 8 Build Operate and Transfer (BOT) (Toll) projects under National Highways Development Project Phase-V. The details of 186 proposals is enclosed as Annexure-I. Evaluation of proposals is under process. Work will be awarded after clearance from Public Private Partnership Appraisal Committee (PPPAC) and Competent Authority.
- (d) and (e) User charges are fixed by the Government and therefore, completion has nothing to do with lowering of user charges.
- (f) and (g) National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has not claimed that toll charges in India are the lowest globally.